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LETTER DATED 13 MAY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 10 a.m. on 13 April 1997, an Iraqi patrol boat entered Kuwaiti territorial waters at the level of the depression situated between the islands of Warbah and Bubiyan. As it attempted to leave this area, the boat ran aground on the mud near the island of Warbah. This incident was witnessed by international observers who had been informed by the Kuwaiti authorities of the Iraqi violation. The boat finally left Kuwaiti territorial waters at 4 p.m. the same day.

Iraq's violations of Kuwaiti territorial waters, which have increased in recent days, pose a threat to the security of the State of Kuwait and of its international borders and require that you call upon the Iraqi Government to put an end to these actions and violations while taking full responsibility for their consequences.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
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